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Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to Military Construction Appropriations, 1998 Conference Report.

House Committees ordered reported 14 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9437–S9529

Measures Introduced: Eight bills were introduced, as follows: S1183–1190. Page S9515

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1093, to extend nondiscriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–83) Page S9515

Measures Passed:

Treasury/Postal Service Appropriations, 1998: Pursuant to the order of July 17, 1997, Senate passed H.R. 2378, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1023, Senate companion measure, as passed by the Senate on July 22, 1997. Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Campbell, Shelby, Faircloth, Kohl, and Mikulski. Page S9510

Labor/HHS Appropriations, 1998: Pursuant to the order of September 4, 1997, Senate passed H.R. 2264, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1061, Senate companion measure, as passed by the Senate on September 11, 1997. Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Specter, Cochran, Gorton, Bond,

Gregg, Faircloth, Craig, Hutchison, Stevens, Harkin, Hollings, Inouye, Bumpers, Reid, Kohl, Murray, and Byrd. Page S9510

Subsequently the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Authorizing Use of Capitol Rotunda: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 134, authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol to allow members of Congress to greet and receive His All Holiness, Patriarch Bartholomew. Page S9529

Passage Vitiating:

Treasury/Postal Service Appropriations, 1998: Pursuant to the order of July 17, 1997, Senate vitiated passage of S. 1023, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Labor/HHS Appropriations, 1998: Pursuant to the order of September 4, 1997, Senate vitiated passage of S. 1061, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. Page S9529

Interior Appropriations, 1998: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 2107, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, with certain excepted committee amendments, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: Pages S9440–43, S9448–S9501, S9503–10

Adopted:

Brownback Amendment No. 1204, to ensure that the Huron Cemetery in Kansas City, Kansas, is used as a cemetery. Pages S9448–50, S9496–97

Bumpers Amendment No. 1209 (to committee amendment beginning on page 123, line 9 through

page 124, line 20), relating to Bureau of Land Management regulations governing hardrock mining on certain Federal land.

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Gorton (for Craig) Amendment No. 1212, to require the Forest Service to implement recreation residence special use permit fees over a five year phase-in period and provides that no increases in fees may occur on the Sawtooth National Forest until January 1, 1999, and further provides that no fees may be increased sooner than a year after release of the Forest Service appraisal of the property.

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Gorton (for Bumpers) Amendment No. 1213, to revise the boundaries of the Arkansas Post Memorial.

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Gorton (for Cochran) Amendment No. 1214, of a technical nature.

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Gorton (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 1215, to provide that entry and permit limitations for Glacier Bay National Park shall not apply to the Auk Nu Marine—Glacier Bay Ferry entering Bartlett Cove for the sole purpose of accessing park or other authorized visitor services or facilities at, or originating from, the public dock area at Bartlett Cove.

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Gorton (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 1216, to amend certain oil and gas lease provisions with regard to the exploration of the national petroleum reserve in Alaska.

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Gorton (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 1217, to limit the expenditure of funds which may occur to fund the Forest Service's Juneau regional office.

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Jeffords Amendment No. 1218, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the preservation of Civil War battlefields.

Pages S9505–07

Rejected:

By 23 yeas to 77 nays (Vote No. 241), Ashcroft Amendment No. 1188 (to committee amendment beginning on page 96, line 12 through page 97, line 8), to eliminate funding for programs and activities carried out by the National Endowment for the Arts.

Pages S9440–43, S9465–83

By 49 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 242), Bryan Amendment No. 1205, to reduce funding for Forest Service road construction and eliminate the purchaser credit program. (Also, by 49 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 243), Senate failed to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was rejected.)

Pages S9450–65, S9483–84

By 26 yeas to 73 nays (Vote No. 244), Abraham Amendment No. 1206 (to committee amendment beginning on page 96, line 12 through page 97, line 8), to reduce funding for the National Endowment of the Arts, and provide additional construction funds for the National Park Service.

Pages S9486–88, S9495

By 37 yeas to 62 nays (Vote No. 245), Hutchinson Amendment No. 1187 (to committee amendment beginning on page 96, line 12 through page 97, line 8), to provide financial assistance to States to support the arts.

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Pending:

Hutchinson Amendment No. 1196, to authorize the President to implement the recently announced American Heritage Rivers Initiative subject to designation of qualified rivers by Act of Congress.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Thursday, September 18, 1997.

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Military Construction Appropriations Conference Report: By 97 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 240), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2016,

making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, clearing the measure for the President.

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Appointments:

National Nutrition Monitoring Advisory Council: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 101–445, appointed Charles H. White, of Mississippi, to the National Nutrition Monitoring Advisory Council.

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Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report on Federal Advisory Committees for fiscal year 1996; referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs. (PM–66).

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Transmitting a report concerning the national emergency with respect to Iran; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–67).

Pages S9512–13

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Jerry MacArthur Hultin, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Navy.

Gloria Tristani, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 1998.

Gloria Tristani, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 1998.

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Messages From the President:

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Messages From the House:

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Additional Statements:	Pages S9527–29
Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total–245) Pages S9447, S9483–84, S9495–96	

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 9:26 p.m., until 9:10 a.m., on Thursday, September 18, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9529.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DIGITAL TV

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held hearings to examine future technologies such as high-definition television, digital television and multiplexing, receiving testimony from Representative Tauzin; Reed E. Hundt, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission; Larry Irving, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information; Robert W. Decherd, A.H. Belo Corporation, Dallas, Texas, on behalf of the National Association of Broadcasters; Preston Padden, ABC Television Network, New York, New York; and David D. Smith, Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc., Baltimore, Maryland.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

UNDERGROUND UTILITIES PROTECTION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine concluded hearings on S. 1115, to create uniform national standards and provide grants to establish or improve State one-call notification systems designed to protect America's underground infrastructure which includes buried communication and fiber optic cables, water and sewer pipes, electric lines, and oil and gas pipelines, after receiving testimony from Kelley S. Coyner, Acting Administrator for Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation; Catherine G. Abbott, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation, Fairfax, Virginia; Frank Ianna, AT&T, Basking Ridge, New Jersey; Charles E. Dettmann, Association of American Railroads, Washington, D.C.; and Gene Shull, A.E. Shull and Company, Tyler, Texas, on behalf of the Associated General Contractors.

ALASKA LAND EXCHANGE

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on S. 1158, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, regarding the Huna Totem Corporation public interest land exchange, and S. 1159, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, regarding the Kake Tribal Corporation public interest land exchange, after receiving testimony from Eleanor Towns, Director of Lands, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Mayor Lonnie Anderson, and Gordon Jackson, Kake Tribal Corporation, both of Kake, Alaska; Albert Dick, Huna Totem Corporation, Hoonah, Alaska; and Jack Hession, Sierra Club, Anchorage, Alaska.

AUTHORIZATION—TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1173, authorizing funds for construction of highway safety programs and for mass transit programs, with amendments.

FAST-TRACK TRADE AUTHORITY

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings on proposed legislation to renew fast track trade authority to allow the President to negotiate further trade agreements to open foreign markets to United States goods and services, and other related trade proposals, receiving testimony from Robert E. Rubin, Secretary of the Treasury; Charlene Barshefsky, United States Trade Representative; and Jeffrey M. Lang, Deputy United States Trade Representative.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION TREATY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the Constitution and Convention of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), with Annexes, signed at Geneva on December 22, 1992, and amendments to the Constitution and Convention, signed at Kyoto on October 14, 1994, together with declarations and reservations by the United States as contained in the Final Acts (Treaty Doc. 104–34), after receiving testimony from Vonya B. McCann, Coordinator for International Communications and Information Policy, Department of State; David F. Fisher, ADC Telecommunications, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Lon C. Levin, American Mobile Radio Corporation/American Mobile Satellite Corporation, Reston, Virginia.

CHINA POLICY ACT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee held hearings on S. 1164, to state a policy of the United States that engages the People's Republic of China in areas of mutual interest, promotes human rights,

religious freedom, and democracy in China and enhances the national security interests of the United States with respect to China, receiving testimony from Senator Abraham; Stanley O. Roth, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; and Gary L. Bauer, Family Research Council, Robert A. Kapp, United States-China Business Council, Robert Kagan, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Abigail E. Abrash, Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Center for Human Rights, and Richard N. Haass, Brookings Institution, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

CAMPAIGN FINANCING INVESTIGATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee resumed hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, receiving testimony from Sheila Heslin, former Director of Russian, Ukrainian, and Eurasian Affairs, National Security Council.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

INDIAN COUNTRY GANG ACTIVITY

Committee on the Judiciary/Committee on Indian Affairs: Committees concluded joint hearings to examine the incidence of youth violence and criminal gang activity within Indian country, and the Federal response, after receiving testimony from Kevin V. DiGregory,

Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, and Charles F. Rinkevich, Director, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (Glynco, Georgia), both of the Department of Justice; Judge William A. Thorne, Third District Court of Utah, Salt Lake City; Ivan Makil, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Scottsdale, Arizona; David Nez, Navajo Nation, Window Rock, Arizona; and Daniel N. Lewis, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, Phoenix, Arizona.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPETITION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights and Competition concluded hearings to examine the outlook for competition in the telecommunications industry as a result of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and the role of the Department of Justice in promoting and protecting this competition, after receiving testimony from Joel I. Klein, Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; Reed E. Hundt, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission; Barry K. Allen, Ameritech Corporation, Chicago, Illinois; Mark C. Rosenblum, AT&T Corp., Basking Ridge, New Jersey; William P. Barr, GTE Corporation, and Gene Kimmelman, Consumers Union, both of Washington, D.C.; and John C. Shapleigh, Brooks Fiber Properties, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 6 public bills, H.R. 2487-2492; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 152, and H. Res. 231, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Supplemental report on H.R. 10, to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers (H. Rept. 105-164 Part 2);

H.R. 2343, to abolish the Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board, amended (H. Rept. 105-249);

H. Res. 230, providing for consideration of H. Res. 168, to implement the recommendation of the bipartisan House Ethics Reform Task Force (H. Rept. 105-250);

H.R. 2247, to reform the statutes relating to Amtrak, to authorize appropriations for Amtrak, amended (H. Rept. 105-251); and

Conference report on H.R. 2160, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105-252).

Pages H7509-27

Speaker pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Calvert to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Miller of California motion to adjourn by a ye and nay vote of 43 yeas to 355 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 400.

Pages H7367-68

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the DeLauro motion to adjourn by a ye and nay vote of 39 yeas to 364 nays, Roll No. 401.

Pages H7371-72

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Miller of California motion to adjourn by a ye and nay vote of 57 yeas to 359 nays, Roll No. 404.

Pages H7480-81

Labor, HHS, and Education Appropriations Act: By a ye and nay vote of 346 yeas to 80 nays, Roll No. 402, the House passed H.R. 2264, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. The House completed general debate and considered amendments to the bill on September 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 16.

Pages H7372–H7452

Agreed To:

The Lowey amendment that repeals sections of the Balanced Budget Act and Taxpayer Relief Act relating to a tobacco industry settlement credit; and

Pages H7373–75

The Riggs amendment that prohibits the Department of Education to sanction a State for its election not to provide special education and services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to individuals who are 18 years of age or older and are incarcerated in adult State prisons.

Pages H7376–79

Withdrawn:

The Coburn amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit the Centers for Disease Control or any other part of the Public Health Service from supporting any program in which blood samples are collected from newborns and tested for HIV when the samples do not indicate the identity of the baby;

Pages H7375–76

The Nadler en bloc amendments were offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to require a medically necessary and appropriate determination to be made only by the treating health care professional; and prohibit monetary rewards to health care professionals to influence a decision as to what constitutes medically necessary and appropriate treatments, tests, procedures, or services;

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The Riggs amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit the Department of Education from any sanction to a grant recipient for its refusal or failure to enforce a preference or affirmative action plan for admissions to public educational institutions; and

Pages H7382–83

The Hoekstra amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to reduce the amounts made available for "Education Reform" and related programs and increase the amounts for "School Improvement Programs".

Pages H7383–90

Point of Order Sustained Against:

The Shadegg amendment that sought to prohibit any funds to be used to enter into a contract with a person or entity that is the subject of a proceeding commenced by the Federal Government and alleging fraud.

Pages H7390–91

The bill was considered pursuant to the order of the House of Thursday, July 31.

Pages H6667–69

Congressional Gold Medal: The House passed H.R. 2248, to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contributions toward religious understanding and peace.

Pages H7453–54

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Federal Advisory Committees: Message wherein he submitted the twenty-fifth Annual Report on Federal Advisory Committees for fiscal year 1996—referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight; and

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National Emergency re Iran: Message wherein he submitted his report concerning the national emergency with respect to Iran—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–131).

Pages H7454–56

Treasury, Postal Service Appropriations: By a ye and nay vote of 231 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 403, the House passed H.R. 2378, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

Pages H7456–80

Agreed To:

The Blagojevich amendment that increases Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms funding by \$1 million for the youth crime interdiction initiative and reduces the Treasury Inspector General funding accordingly;

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The Sununu amendment that identifies \$200,000 of OMB funding for implementation of the Congressional Review Act;

Pages H7466–67

The Filner amendment that prohibits the IRS from including an individual's Social Security Number on the outside of a tax-related mailing and requires the SSN, if used as a part of a mailing, to be in a sealed envelope which cannot be viewed without opening it; and

Pages H7475–76

The Sanders amendment that prohibits the United States Customs Service from importing any product manufactured by forced or indentured child labor.

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Rejected:

The Lowey amendment that sought to strike Section 516, prohibiting the use of any funding associated with the Federal Employees Health Benefit Plan to be used for any benefits or coverage for abortion.

Pages H7469–71

The Bill was considered pursuant to a unanimous consent agreement that made it in order for the

Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone a request for a recorded vote on any amendment and reduce the time for voting by electronic device on any postponed question. **Page H7456**

Points of Order Sustained Against:

Proviso relating to aggregate overtime limitation of \$30,000; **Page H7465**

Section 413 relating to the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act; **Page H7467**

Section 518 relating to certain historic U.S. origin firearms imports; and **Pages H7471-72**

Section 519 relating to expanding the Global Package Link Service. **Page H7472**

Late Report: Conferees received permission to have until midnight tonight to file a conference report on H.R. 2160, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. **Page H7480**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H7367 and H7380-81.

Referrals: S. 965, to amend title II of the Hydrogen Future Act of 1996 to extend an authorization contained therein, was referred to the Committee on Science and S. Con. Res. 45, commending Dr. Hans Blix for his distinguished service as Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency on the occasion of his retirement, was referred to the Committee on International Relations. **Page H7527**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H7528-29.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7367-68, H7371-72, H7452, H7479-80, and H7480-81. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FORAGE IMPROVEMENT LEGISLATION

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry held a hearing to review forage improvement legislation. Testimony was heard from Michael Dombeck, Chief, Forest Service, USDA; Maitland Sharp, Assistant Director, Renewable Resource and Planning, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia approved for full Committee

action the District of Columbia appropriations for fiscal year 1998.

FHA MULTIFAMILY RESTRUCTURING—TAX CONSEQUENCES

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing on Tax Consequences of FHA Multifamily Restructuring. Testimony was heard from Kenneth J. Kies, Chief of Staff, Joint Committee on Taxation; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment approved for full Committee action amended the following bills: H.R. 1411, Drug and Biological Products Modernization Act of 1997; H.R. 2469, Food and Nutrition Information Reform Act; and H.R. 1710, Medical Device Regulatory Modernization Act of 1997.

ASIA-U.S. DEMOCRACY PROGRAM PROMOTIONS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on U.S. Democracy Program Promotions in Asia. Testimony was heard from John Shattuck, Assistant Secretary, Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Department of State; and public witnesses.

OVERVIEW—U.S. POLICY TOWARD MEXICO AND CANADA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere held a hearing on an Overview of U.S. Policy toward Mexico and Canada. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1544, amended, Federal Agency Compliance Act; H.R. 2440, to make technical amendments to section 10 of title 9, United States Code; and H.R. 2464, amended, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to exempt international adopted children under age 10 from the immunization requirement.

COPYRIGHT LEGISLATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property concluded hearings on the following bills: H.R. 2281, WIPO Copyright Treaties Implementation Act; and H.R. 2180, On-Line Copyright Liability Limitation Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following measures: H. Con. Res. 131, amended, expressing

the sense of Congress regarding the ocean; H.R. 134, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide a loan guarantee to the Olivenhain water storage project; H.R. 512, New Wildlife Refuge Authorization Act; H.R. 1476, Miccosukee Settlement Act of 1997; H.R. 1805, Auburn Indian Restoration Amendment Act; H.R. 1849, amended, Oklahoma City National Memorial Act of 1997; H.R. 2007, amended, to amend the act that authorized the Canadian River reclamation project, Texas, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow use of the project distribution system to transport water from sources other than the project; H.R. 2233, amended, Coral Reef Conservation Act of 1997; and H.R. 2314, Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma Federal Indian Services Restoration Act of 1997.

HOUSE ETHICS REFORM TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a record vote of 5 to 3, a modified closed rule on H. Res. 168, to implement the recommendations of the bipartisan House Ethics Reform Task Force, providing one hour of general debate equally divided between Representative Livingston and Representative Cardin. The rule provides that no amendments will be in order except those printed in the Rules Committee report, which may be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a member designated in the report, will be debatable for the time specified in the report, and will not be subject to amendment. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Representatives Livingston, Dreier, Shays, Hostettler, Cardin, Pelosi, Hamilton, Menendez and Barrett of Wisconsin.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science: Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 2429, to reauthorize the Small Business Technology Transfer Program through fiscal year 2000; and H.R. 860, Surface Transportation Research and Development Act of 1997.

OSHA'S PROPOSED REVISION—INJURY AND ILLNESS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on OSHA's proposed revision on occupational injury and illness recording and reporting requirements. Testimony was heard from Greg Watchman, Acting Assistant Secretary, Occupational Safety and Health, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL COMMISSION ON RESTRUCTURING THE IRS

Committee on Ways and Means: Concluded hearings to examine the recommendations of the National Commission on Restructuring the IRS with regard to Ex-

ecutive Branch governance and Congressional oversight of IRS. Testimony was heard from the following former officials of the IRS, Department of the Treasury: Donald C. Alexander and Sheldon S. Cohen, both Commissioners; and C. Morgan Kinghorn, Chief Financial Officer; Kenneth J. Kies, Chief of Staff, Joint Committee on Taxation; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 2160, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

APPROPRIATIONS—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 2209, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, to resume hearings to examine the implications for farmers of the recently proposed tobacco settlement, 9 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to hold hearings on the nominations of Robert L. Mallett, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary, and W. Scott Gould, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Financial Officer and an Assistant Secretary, both for the Department of Commerce, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings on the international space station program, 2 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold hearings on the nominations of Ernest J. Moniz, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary, Michael Telson, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Mary Anne Sullivan, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel, Dan Reicher, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary for Energy, Efficiency, and Renewable Energy, Robert Wayne Gee, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning, and Program Evaluation, and John C. Angell, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, all of the Department of Energy, 9 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings on the nominations of Wyche Fowler Jr., of Georgia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Martin S. Indyk, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, Barbara K. Bodine, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Yemen, Robin Lynn Raphel, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia, and Johnny Young, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the State of Bahrain, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, to continue hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on the Judiciary, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration, to resume hearings concerning petitions filed in connection with a contested U.S. Senate election held in Louisiana in November 1996, 2 p.m., SR-301.

Select Committee on Intelligence, to hold hearings to examine intelligence issues with regard to China, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Full Committee, to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

NOTICE

For a Listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E1782-83 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on financial privacy, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1270, amended, Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1997; H.R. 2472, to extend certain programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act; and H.R. 2165, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of FERC Project Number 3862 in the State of Iowa, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and Life-Long Learning, hearing on the Shutdown of the Consolidation Loan Process in the William D. Ford Direct Student Loan Program, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice, hearing on Needle Exchange, Legal-

ization, and the Failure of the Swiss Heroin Experiments, 5 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on United States Policy Toward Nigeria, 3:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, to mark up H.R. 2431, Freedom From Religious Persecution Act of 1997, 11 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing regarding the First Amendment and Restrictions on Issue Advocacy, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on the Criminal Asset Forfeiture Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, to continue oversight hearings on Royalty-In-Kind for Federal oil and gas production, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on U.S.-Canada Pacific Salmon Treaty negotiations, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

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